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- 17 NOV 92, 4-16 DEC 92, AND 6-19 MAR 93, JOINT TEAMS RECOVERED REMAINS FROM THE ALLEGED CRASH SITE OF REFNO 1053. ON 01 DECEMBER 1993, THE ARMED FORCES IDENTIFICATION REVIEW BOARD APPROVED THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE GROUP REMAINS AS NAME LT JAMES S. KRAVITZ, ENS JAMES C. WONN, LT CURTIS F. THURMAN, ADJ3 FRANK A. DAWSON, A02 CLAYBORN W. ASHBY, JR., ADJ2 CHESTER L. COONS, AE2 JAMES E. MARTIN, AND ATN1 PAUL N. DONATO, REFNO 1053-01 THRU 09. (REF 11)

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 20 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1057-0-01 (ACCNO 6267)	Status: (J) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED	
Name: HUBLER, GEORGE LAWRENCE	Date Status assigned: 24 Jul 1973	
Nationality AMERICAN	Race CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit
Service MARINE CORPS	Sex MALE	Blood type
Grade O3	Hair BROWN	Complexion
SSAN DATA	Eyes BLUE	Weapon
Serial No 091625	Height 74 in / 1.88 mtrs	Weapon No
Birth date 6 Sep 1942	Weight 168 lb / 76.1 kg	Duty pos PILOT
Home State	Religion	PW Camp

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: WATER SITE  
UTM: 49PBT190690  
Lat/Long: 155909N / 1082227E  
Country: OVER WATER - VS  
Military Region: \$  
Mission Province: QUANG NAM-DA NANG  
(formerly):  
Mission District: HOA VANG  
Mission Date: 23 Feb 1968  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: None.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 93, Dec 92, Jul 92  
Investigations: Aug 93  
Surveys: Aug 93  
Vessey Case: NO

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F8E	Serial: 150857
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: J57
Call Sign: COMBAT 23	1 Serial:
Year: \$	2 Serial:

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

20 June 1977

ON 23 FEBRUARY 1968, CPT GEORGE L. HUBLER WAS THE PILOT OF AN F-8E AIRCRAFT (BUNO #150857) ON A COMBAT MISSION. ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON FILE IN JCRC INDICATES THAT ALL AREAS OF THE PROBABLE CRASH SITE OF CPT HUBLER'S AIRCRAFT WERE THOROUGHLY SEARCHED AND GROUND TROOPS IN THE AREA NOTIFIED. NO CONTACT WAS EVER ESTABLISHED WITH THE PILOT IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES OF BT 190 690, SEARCH EFFORTS WERE CONDUCTED IN A (ONE MILE RADIUS) WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. CMC AUTHORIZED DROP OF CPT HUBLER LISTED ON ENCLOSURE (2) OF CDR JCRC LETTER DATED 18 JUNE 1973. (REF 1 & 2)

=== REFERENCES ===

20 June 1977

REFERENCES: <1> LTR, CDR JCRC (JCRC-CDD-CR), 18 JUN 73. <2> MSG, 3  
ARRGP SON TRA RVN, 271110Z FEB 68. <3> 240457Z SEP 93 CJTFFA DET ONE  
BANGKOK TH.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

12 August 1992

CASE NARRATIVE 1057 WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE 30-31 JULY 1992 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING.

17 December 1992

A CASE NARRATIVE ON CASE 1057 WAS PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 10-11 DECEMBER 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

8 October 1993

ON 04 SEP 93, IE3 TRAVELLED TO HOA VANG DISTRICT, QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1057. VNOSMP OFFICIALS COULD NOT LOCATE ANY WITNESSES TO THIS CASE. THE TEAM CONDUCTED AN AERIAL AND SURFACE SEARCH OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION MAINTAINED IN U.S. RECORDS, TO INCLUDE THE SHORELINE, AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS OR

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EQUIPMENT, OR BURIAL SITES. (REF 3)



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NARRATIVE

ON 23 FEBRUARY 1968, CAPTAIN GEORGE L. HUBLER WAS FLYING AN  
F-8E AIRCRAFT (SERIAL NUMBER 150857) WHICH COLLIDED IN MID-AIR  
WITH ANOTHER AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES  
BT190690, APPROXIMATELY 30 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF DA NANG, QUANG  
NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE. SEARCH AND RESCUE FORCES RECOVERED THE  
CREW OF THE OTHER AIRCRAFT WHO HAD SUCCESSFULLY PARACHUTED FROM  
THEIR AIRCRAFT. THEY WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE CAPTAIN HUBLER.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: HUBLER, GEORGE LAWRENCE  
RANK: CAPTAIN, U.S. MARINE CORPS  
DATE OF BIRTH: 6 SEPTEMBER 1942  
RACE: CAUCASIAN  
HEIGHT: 1.88 METERS  
WEIGHT: 76.1 KILOGRAMS  
HAIR: BROWN  
EYES: BLUE

21 JUL 1993

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 9 FEBRUARY 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1062-0-02 (ACCNO 6173) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: HARTZHEIM, JOHN FRANCIS Date Status assigned: 2 Mar 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A -
Grade	E5	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	GREEN	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	25 Nov 1945	Weight	170 lb / 77.0 kg	Duty pos	CREWMAN
Home State	WISCONSIN	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE  
UTM: 48QXD116889  
Lat/Long: 170459N / 1060256E  
Country: LAOS  
Military Region: 3  
Mission Province: KHAMMOUAN  
(formerly):  
Mission District: BOULAPHA  
Mission Date: 27 Feb 1968  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: May 93, Jun 92, Feb 90, Nov 89  
Investigations: May 93  
Vessey Case: THREE  
Case type: DISCREPANCY  
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: OP2E	Serial: 131484
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: R3350
Call Sign: SOPHOMORE 50	1 Serial: #
Year: \$	2 Serial: #

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